



USPCA NATIONAL FIELD TRIALS

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

September 19th – 25th, 2015

Chief Judge Russ Hess

Chief Scorekeeper Kim David



PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Host Department Plaque – Sponsored by Purina

The President's Award is presented to the host department recognizing the support given to their officers in hosting a national event.

This year's recipient of the President's Award is: The Springfield, IL, K-9 Unit



USPCA President Jason Brodt presenting

TED HIRSCH MEMORIAL AWARD: Host Chair of Trials - Sponsored by Purina

The Ted Hirsch Memorial Award is presented in recognition of all of the many countless hours and preparation time devoted in order to conduct a national event. It is awarded in memory of Ted Hirsch who was the Chairman of the first Police Service Dog Trials in 1968 in Miami, Florida. Ted Hirsch was also the President of the Police K-9 Association, having changed its name from the Florida K-9 Association the year before. In 1971, the Police K-9 Association evolved into The United States Police Canine Association, Inc.

The winner of this year's Ted Hirsch Memorial Award is: Ron Howard - Springfield, IL, K-9 Unit

**BILL ROBINSON MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD - Sponsored by
AceK9**

This award is given to the K-9 team that displays the highest degree of sportsmanship in action or attitude towards their dogs, other competitors and the judges throughout the week-long series of events.

The Bill Robinson Memorial Award is given in memory of Bill Robinson of Newburg, New York. Bill was killed in the line of duty during a domestic disturbance call, just after the USPCA Nationals were held in Newburg New York.

This year's Bill Robinson Memorial Award, is awarded to: Ron Howard and K9 Jax - Springfield Police Department

SPRINGFIELD AWARDS - STEVE TERMINE

Special Award presented to Steve Termine for all his support work in making these trials a success. Ron Howard presenting:



PATROL CASE OF THE YEAR: 2014

Our awards program is sponsored by Criminalistics, Inc. This program recognizes outstanding work done by K-9 teams in the everyday encounter with the real world. This award is presented to the team that has been selected as having performed exceptionally under difficult circumstances and with exceptional ability in law enforcement utilizing a police service dog. The award is selected by the USPCA National Vice-presidents for the best patrol case and the best detector case for each quarter. The winners of the quarterly awards then compete for the Case of the Year Award.

The winner of the 2014 patrol case of the year is: Keith MacKenzie
& K9 Daisy Mae



USPCA President Jason Brodt presenting

On June 3, 2014, Dep. MacKenzie was contacted by the Strafford County Sheriff's Office and asked to call Trooper Grass of the Maine State Police in reference to a homicide

Dep. MacKenzie called Trooper Grass and was told there had been a homicide in St. Francis, ME, and asked if he was available to assist with possibly locating the suspect. Dep. MacKenzie told the trooper he was available and was told a male subject had shot and killed his girlfriend four days earlier and then ran into the woods behind the

residence with a rifle. Trooper Grass told Dep. MacKenzie when the first officer arrived on scene that he heard a single gunshot coming from the woods behind the residence.

Dep. MacKenzie was told there had been many officers and other K-9 teams in the woods searching and conducting grid searches for the suspects since the shooting. Trooper Grass asked Dep. MacKenzie if his Bloodhound would be able to conduct a track from the scene through all the contamination. Dep. MacKenzie told the trooper that if he could get a scent article that belonged to the suspect he would be willing to attempt the track. Trooper Grass told Dep. MacKenzie someone would call him later that day.

Later that day, Dep. MacKenzie was contacted by Trooper Crane, who was at the crime scene, and asked what would be needed for a scent article. Dep. MacKenzie stated he would need an item that they were certain was the suspect's. Trooper Crane stated he had a hat and was instructed to place it in a clear plastic Ziploc bag which was done. Trooper Crane advised Dep. MacKenzie he would be contacted again once a formal request was made for his assistance by the Maine State Police to the Strafford County Sheriff's Office.

One June 5, 2014, Dep. MacKenzie drove the 6+ hours to St. Francis and met Trooper Crane and went over the case. Some believed that the suspect may have committed suicide because of that gun shot heard after the officers arrived. It was agreed Dep. MacKenzie and K-9 Daisy Mae would start their track the next morning, accompanied by two Maine State Police SWAT officers.

One June 6, 2014, six days after the homicide, Dep. MacKenzie was brought to the scene. He had been briefed where officers had searched and advised the layout of the land. Dep. MacKenzie was handed the scent article, and he placed it on the ground behind the residence. Dep. MacKenzie then took K-9 Daisy Mae from his cruiser and walked her around to acclimate her to the area. K-9 Daisy was then placed in harness and presented the scent article and given the track command.

K-9 Daisy tracked through the yard and onto a path that led up the side of the mountain. K-9 Daisy tracked onto a state trail and then cut across a small field heading north. K-9 Daisy tracked back out onto the trail and continued to track back and forth on it still heading north up the mountain. K-9 Daisy then left the trail and entered into a small clearing. K-9 Daisy then tracked through a small patch of thick woods before heading back onto the trail. K-9 Daisy continued to track until she came out into a small park with picnic tables. K-9 Daisy tracked around the tables heading north again up the trail. K-9 Daisy came to an intersection where she had to work out the odor and settled in on an ATV trail that headed up the mountain. K-9 Daisy turned left into the woods and then tracked out onto a logging road. K-9 Daisy continued the track before entering a large field. As K-9 Daisy worked across the field, she became more excited as she came to the southeast corner of the field. The team was approximately a mile into the track, and Dep. MacKenzie knew at this time they were tracking fresh scent, and he advised his back-up officers.

K-9 Daisy tracked out of the field and headed west into the woods. K-9 Daisy was pulling hard in her harness as she worked up the mountain. When they came to a clearing, K-9 Daisy turned right and tracked for a short distance before reaching the southwest corner of the field. K-9 Daisy excitement had increased greatly at this point. K-9 Daisy continued tracking up the mountain and through the woods. K-9 Daisy tracked through a wet land area to a small stream where they stopped for a drink. K-9 Daisy continued her track up a long incline and through some thick woods and came out to a stream. K-9 Daisy tracked out of the stream and continued west up the mountain and across two logging roads. K-9 Daisy was pulling hard in her harness through the woods and brush.

Approximately three miles into the track, K-9 Daisy tracked through thick tree cover and brush. As Dep. MacKenzie was going through the thick brush, he felt the lead pull hard as K-9 Daisy was digging in and pulling him up the mountain. As Dep. MacKenzie was pulled through the brush, he observed K-9 Daisy baying and looking up to her left. Dep. MacKenzie looked up to where K-9 Daisy's attention was and observed a male in a red shirt holding a rifle, pointing it down at them. Dep. MacKenzie took cover and yelled at the subject to drop the rifle while K-9 Daisy continued her baying. The subject dropped the rifle and yelled for Dep. MacKenzie to hold the dog and not send her on him. The troopers were able to take the subject into custody without incident. The subject identified himself as the person the police were looking for in the homicide. Because of the mountain terrain, one of the troopers had to climb higher up the mountain to make radio contact notifying that the suspect was in custody.

2015 USPCA National Patrol Dog Field Trials - Finals

OBEDIENCE

Place	Handler	Dog	Dept.	Score
1	ROB VETSCH	JESSE	Saint Paul Police Department	120.00
2	CHAD LANDRY	BADGE	Lake Wales Police Department	119.67
3	CHAD WHITAKER	NOX	Lakeland Police Department	119.00
3	BRADY HARRISON	VITO	Saint Paul Police Department	119.00
4	JOSH STENSETH	DEX	Saint Croix County Sheriff's Department	118.67
5	JASON BRODT	GIBBS	Saint Paul Police Department	117.33
5	MATTHEW HURLEY	DIEZEL	East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office	117.33

AGILITY

Place	Name	K9 Name	Department	Score
1	JEFF BARRETT	ECHO	Lakeland Police Department	60.00
1	CHAD LANDRY	BADGE	Lake Wales Police Department	60.00
1	JEREMY MATTHEWS	BOHDAN	Evansville Police Department	60.00
2	JAMES BROUSSARD	INDO	East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office	59.83
2	ZACH ELFREICH	AXEL	Evansville Police Department	59.83
3	CHAD WHITAKER	NOX	Lakeland Police Department	59.67
4	MATTHEW HURLEY	DIEZEL	East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office	59.33

5	ROB VETSCH	JESSE	Saint Paul Police Department	59.00
5	TAD SCHMIDT	GABE	Saint Paul Police Department	59.00
5	CHAD LOEFFLER	TANK	Lakeville Police Department	59.00

TOTAL SCENT WORK

Place	Name	K9 Name	Department	Score	Time
1	Brady Harrison	Vito	St Paul Police Department	179.83	1:00
2	Jeff Barrett	Echo	Lakeland Police Department	179.17	1:06
3	Tad Schmidt	Gabe	St Paul Police Department	178.67	1:01
4	Chad Whitaker	Nox	Lakeland Police Department	178.67	2:54
5	Josh Stenseth	Dex	St Croix Co Sheriff's Office	177.67	1:22

CRIMINAL APPREHENSION: Total possible score of 340.00

Place	Name	K9 Name	Department	Score
1	JOSH STENSETH	DEX	Saint Croix County Sheriff's Department	339.33
2	CHAD WHITAKER	NOX	Lakeland Police Department	339.17
3	BRADY HARRISON	VITO	Saint Paul Police Department	334.83
4	DOUG BIERMAN	DANO	Newton Police Department	330.83
5	CHAD LANDRY	BADGE	Lake Wales Police Department	330.67

TOM LARSEN AWARD: Total Scent Work - Total Possible Score - 180.00

Captain Tom Larsen was the first K-9 handler in the State of Louisiana. Captain Larsen is known as the father of K-9 in Louisiana and served with the Baton Rouge Police Department. The captain believed in the success of a police service dog depended on their scenting ability. The Captain Tom Larsen Award goes to the top combined scores of Article Search and Suspect Search.

This year's Captain Tom Larsen Award goes to: Brady Harrison and K-9 Vito - St. Paul Police Department - total search score 179.8



Lester David and USPCA President Jason Brodt presenting

**PATRICK CAHILL AWARD: Combined Obedience & Apprehension –
Sponsored by RayAllen Manufacturing**

This award is in honor of Mr. Patrick Cahill. Mr. Cahill, originally from England, started his career with Scotland Yard and was a major force in establishing canine units in the United States, first with Baltimore Police Department, and then the Metropolitan Police in Washington D.C. Mr. Patrick Cahill demanded handler control of the animals he trained and certified. Mr. Cahill's demanding training requirements are responsible for many of the values held today in training police service dogs. The Cahill award is for the combined top Obedience score, and the top Criminal Apprehension score. Total possible score of 460.

This year's Patrick Cahill Award winner is: Chad Whitaker K-9 Nox - Lakeland Police Dept. - Total score: 458.17



USPCA President Jason Brodt presenting

TOP TWENTY TOP DOGS

1	CHAD WHITAKER	NOX	Lakeland Police Department	696.50
2	CHAD LANDRY	BADGE	Lake Wales Police Department	687.34
3	BRADY HARRISON	VITO	Saint Paul Police Department	687.33

4	JOSH STENSETH	DEX	Saint Croix County SO	684.00
5	JASON CUMMINGS	FLASH	New Hanover County Sheriffs Office	681.01
6	ROB VETSCH	JESSE	Saint Paul Police Department	679.82
7	JASON BRODT	GIBBS	Saint Paul Police Department	673.67
8	JUSTIN STEGALL	JANGO	New Hanover County Sheriffs Office	671.50
9	DOUG BIERMAN	DANO	Newton Police Department	670.67
10	JAMES BROUSSARD	INDO	East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office	670.00
11	CHRIS GERACE	ARROW	Gloucester Township Police Department	668.48
12	LYLE ANDRE	RANGER	Baton Rouge Police Department	668.18
13	ZACH ELFREICH	AXEL	Evansville Police Department	667.49
14	DAVE LONGBEHN	DUKE	Saint Paul Police Department	667.33
15	JEFF BARRETT	ECHO	Lakeland Police Department	666.33
16	CHAD LOEFFLER	TANK	Lakeville Police Department	664.32
17	JAY CUIEL	HAVOC	Saint Paul Police Department	662.67
18	TOMMY THOMPSON	ARES	O'Fallon Police Department	658.01
19	T.J. MORSE	TAG	Baton Rouge Police Department	656.51
20	KYLE ALBRITTON	MICO	Highlands County Sheriff's Office	655.17

TOP DOG **Championship Award**

Championship Ring – sponsored by PSD and Laz Cabrera

This award is presented to the "K-9 TEAM" that has shown attention to detail, passion, unmatched dedication, and extreme knowledge in all five (5) phases of the police certification. In addition, this recipient has shown the mental strength to put together all of the above qualities in order to come out on top when it matters the most, at the national police dog trials. Finally, this national championship ring is a symbol of what it takes to be a "Top Dog!"

This year's Top Dog Championship Award winner is: Chad Whitaker K-9 Nox - Lakeland Police Dept. -



Laz Cabrera - CEO PSD presenting

Balance of participants – Not Ranked

KEITH BUSH	TOMY	North Port Police Department
TYE THOMPSON	TIBERIUS	Lakeland Police Department
NICK HENDERSON	QAOS	Evansville Police Department
DOUG BUELTEL	GERO	Evansville Police Department
CODY LONG	NERO	North Port Police Department
TOM RICKEN	ZORRO	Baton Rouge Police Department
JEREMY MATTHEWS	BOHDAN	Evansville Police Department
TOM WATSON	JORDY	Marshalltown Police Department
STEVE WORLEY	OZZIE	Highlands County Sheriff's Office
DANNY MERRITT	TITUS	Perry County Sheriff's Office
MICHAEL ARONSON	TALOS	O'Fallon Police Department
DREW DICKASON	RAJAH	Sangamon County Sheriff's Office
BILL CLARIDA	LUCKY	Baton Rouge Police Department
LOUIS KAE LIN	JAXX	Camden County Corrections
TAD SCHMIDT	GABE	Saint Paul Police Department
CORY BOWLING	VALOR	Lakeland Police Department
CHAD SCHRADER	AXLE	Huntsville City Police Department
CHRIS DUFRESNE	BRUIN	Enfield Police Department
PAUL GLASER	CANE	Huntsville City Police Department
LEE COEL	SPIRIT	Punta Gorda Police Department
MATTHEW HURLEY	DIEZEL	East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office
RYAN BACK	REMY	Lakeland Police Department
AARON SWENSON	ARO	West Des Moines Police Department
JAMES KENISON	ROCCO	Rochester Police Department
STEVEN WHITSTINE	TIGO	East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office
JASON THOMAS	ABOT	Evansville Police Department
SEAN STONE	MURDOCK	New York City Police Department
WAYNE ROTHSCHILD	COWBOY	New York City Police Department
RYAN MADDOX	DOGI	Springfield Police Department
TIM DAY	THOR	Springfield Police Department
GREG NIKONCHUK	CHOPPER	Huntsville City Police Department
DALE HAMPTON	DEACON	Lake Wales Police Department
DAVID BEVER	JUSTICE	Gautier Police Department
JEFF COKER	KILO	Springfield Police Department
DIANA WALES	ENZO	East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office
BILL RUSSELL	APEX	Sangamon County Coroners Office
ZACK HOPKINS	DAGGO	Columbia Police Department
ROB RICH	JUSTUS	Effingham County Sheriffs Office
ANTHONY GRAZIANO	GAGE	New York City Police Department
RON HOWARD	JAX	Springfield Police Department
RYAN MACHIN	ARKO	Springfield Police Department
GARY TRAMPAS	APOLLO	Huntsville City Police Department
GARY CRAIG	PAKO	Cahokia Police Department
DAVE HEINE	FEIGHT	Cahokia Police Department
BEN COLECCHIA	TIMMY	New York City Police Department
DAVE PLETCH	UTAH	Springfield Police Department

HEATH THORNTON	IVAN	Charleston Police Department
CHARLIE CUMMO	STRYKER	New York City Police Department
KIEL STEVENSON	RAJI	Marshalltown Police Department

TOP REGION TEAM: John P. "Sonny" Burke Memorial Award - Top Region Team - Sponsored by American Aluminum

This Memorial Award is presented each year to the First Place Region Team. The top possible team Score is 2800 points, consisting of four K-9 teams and an alternate. The United States Police Canine Association honors the memory and spirit of Atlantic City Police Canine Officer John P. "Sonny" Burke, who was killed in the line of duty on September 30, 1970.

REGION: 18 Total Points: 2615.66

Josh Stenseth	Chad Loeffler
Jay Curiel	James Kenison



Mary and Tom Swain from American Aluminum presenting

2nd PLACE REGION TEAM: REGION: 10 Louisiana Total Points: 2607.69

James Broussard	Lyle Andre
Tom Ricken	Bill Clarida

Alt: None

3rd PLACE REGION TEAM: REGION: 16 Illinois Total Points: 2592.35

Drew Dickason	Tommy Thompson
Doug Bierman	Mike Aronson

Alt: Rob Rich

4TH PLACE REGION TEAM: REGION: 1 Florida Total Points: 2582.65

Cody Long	Keith Bush
Steve Worley	Kyle Albritton

Alt: Lee Coel

5TH PLACE REGION TEAM: REGION: 10 Louisiana Total Points: 2454.19

TJ Morse	Steven Whitstine
Matthew Hurley	Diana Wales

Alt: None

TOP DEPARTMENT TEAM: Tim Jones Memorial Award - Sponsored by Havis, Inc.

This Memorial Award is presented each year to the First Place Department Team. The top possible score is 2800 points and consists of four K-9 teams and an alternate. Officer Tim Jones and Laser were members of the Saint Paul, MN, Police Department. In one tragic incident, the Saint Paul, Minnesota, Police Department lost two officers and a canine. Officer Ron Ryan, Jr., and Officer Tim Jones and his K-9, Laser, all were murdered on August 26, 1994. The Tim Jones Memorial Award is an effort to preserve the memory of not only these brave officers, but also the K-9s who work the streets to make them safer.

This year's Top Department Award winner is: DEPARTMENT: Saint Paul Police Dept.
- Saint Paul, MN Total Points: 2667.83

Jason Brodt	Brady Harrison
Rob Vetsch	Tad Schmidt

Alt: Dave Longbehn



Top Department Team - Saint Paul, MN
USPCA President Jason Brodt presenting

2nd PLACE DEPARTMENT TEAM: DEPT: Lakeland PD

Total Points: 2639.15

Chad Whitaker	Cory Bowling
Jeff Barrett	Tye Thompson

Alt: Ryan Back

Hosts' Awards

Senior Division – Top 3 handlers by Age and Score

1. Bill Russell – Sangamon, IL, County 2. David Longbehn - Saint Paul, MN, PD
Coroner's Office



3. James Broussard East Baton Rouge, LA, Police Department



Overall Decoy



1. Jason Jensen – Lakeville, MN, Police Department



2. Ryan Maddox – Springfield, IL, Police Department



3. Lazaro Cabrera - Police Service Dogs

Overall Dutch Shepherd

Ron Howard Springfield, IL, Police Department



Overall, Other, Open Breed

Jason Brodt Saint Paul, MN, Police Department



Malinois

Chad Whitaker – Lakeland, FL,
Police Department



Overall German Shepherd

Brady Harrison - Saint Paul, MN,
Police Department



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Judges and Scorekeepers List

		# of dogs per Event(s) Judged						
No. #	Judge's Name	Obed.	Agility	Evidence Search	Suspect Search	CA no Gun	CA with Gun	Region
Chief Judge								
105	Russ Hess							5
Judges								
116	RO Rogers	69						2
182	Skip Brewster	69						19
201	Melvin Hohlt	69					67	16
244	Barbara Holt	69					67	2
185	John Hauversburk				69	68		5
209	Carl Smith				69	68		13
195	Ronald Bowling				69			1
121	Lester David				69			10
262	Robert Glaser				69	68		22
192	John Binnix		69				67	3
179	Rebecca Schreiber		69					1
227	Bubba Howell		69				67	26
193	Timothy Carroll		69					3
256	Dave Kennedy							5
239	Mark Darnell			69		68		18
270	Noel Salamoni			69				10
258	Brent Williams			69				11
108	Allen Hancock			69				12
232	Donald Gross Jr			69				16
271	Steve Tibbetts					68		10
137	Terry Schoenborn	69					67	1
261	Joe Dipietrantonio		69					5
Novice Judges								
N1	James Nichols	35		35		36	31	1
N2	Harry Baraclough	35		35		32	36	1
N3	Daniel Jones	35		35		36	31	3
N4	Jeff Vanhoss	34		34		32	36	16
Chief Scorekeeper		Email Address						
	Kim David							10
Scorekeepers								
	Deb Page							3
	Roxanne Darnell							18
	Melinda Roupp							21

